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(U) San Diego – Authorities Indict 85 Members of Drug Network

(U) Federal authorities unsealed indictments yesterday against 85 alleged members of East San Diego County drug distribution and money laundering networks linked to the Sinaloa Cartel, with more than half of the defendants currently in custody. The culmination of a year-long investigation has netted the arrests of 47 people who are charged for allegedly distributing meth, heroin and fentanyl throughout Southern California and laundering "tens of thousands of dollars in narcotics proceeds back to Sinaloa-Cartel associated drug traffickers in Mexico." Prosecutors say the defendants used services like Signal and WhatsApp to communicate with each other in order to avoid law enforcement detection.

SOURCE: 19 September 2019, [Fox 5 San Diego](#)

(U) San Jose – SJSU Student Arrested on Weapons Charges After Threat

(U) San Jose State police on Wednesday arrested a 17-year-old student on multiple weapons charges, including possession of a loaded firearm, university police said yesterday. SJSU officers responded to a request for assistance from the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, which was looking for a student who made a threat on social media, police said. The threat was reported by Homestead High School. The juvenile was arrested without incident, and no injuries were reported, police said. It wasn't immediately clear what, if any, connection the teen had with the high school.

SOURCE: 19 September 2019, [NBC Bay Area](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Kicks Out Two Members of Cuba's Mission to UN over 'Influence Ops'

(U) Washington – The US yesterday had two members of Cuba's permanent mission to the United Nations leave the country and restricted travel for the remaining mission members to Manhattan, according to the State Department. "This is due to their attempts to conduct influence operations against the United States," the department said in a statement. "We take any and all attempts against the national security of the United States seriously, and will continue to investigate any additional personnel who may be manipulating their privileges of residence."

SOURCE: 19 September 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) New York – Man Charged for Allegedly Scouting Possible Targets in NYC on Behalf of Hezbollah

(U) Manhattan – A scout for the militant group Hezbollah was looking at locations for attacks in New York and sending target information back to leadership in Lebanon, federal prosecutors said. They unveiled charges yesterday against Alexei Saab of Morristown, New Jersey, who has been in custody since July. The government alleges that Saab has been a Hezbollah member since 1996 and has extensive firearms and bomb-making training. Among Saab's dozens of alleged New York City targets, prosecutors said, were the George Washington Bridge and the Statue of Liberty. He also surveilled targets in Boston and Washington, including Fenway Park and the Washington Monument.

SOURCE: 19 September 2019, [US DoJ](#)

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(U) North Carolina – Gunman in UNC Charlotte Mass Shooting Pleads Guilty

(U) Charlotte – The 22-year-old man accused of fatally shooting two UNC Charlotte students and injuring four others in a classroom last spring pleaded guilty to murder and other charges, and was sentenced to life in prison yesterday. Former student Trystan Andrew Terrell entered his plea in a Mecklenburg County courtroom before county Superior Court Judge Robert Bell. The judge sentenced Terrell to two consecutive life sentences. Terrell admitted in court to killing 19-year-old Reed Parlier and 21-year-old Riley Howell after opening fire in a classroom on 30 April.

SOURCE: 19 September 2019, [Charlotte Observer](#)

(U) Washington – High School Student Arrested for Plotting School Attack

(U) College Place – Police in Washington State have arrested a high school student they say plotted an attack against his school -- until his mother found journal entries detailing his plans and alerted authorities. The 17-year-old's journal contained information about an attack the student was planning at College Place High School on 20 April 2020 -- the anniversary of the 1999 Columbine High School shooting, the College Place Police Department said in a press release.

SOURCE: 19 September 2019, [KCRA](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Burkina Faso – ISIS Claims Attack that Killed 24 Soldiers**

(U) Ouagadougou – ISIS claimed responsibility for one of the deadliest attacks against the Burkina Faso military in recent months, the SITE website that tracks militant attacks reported yesterday. The attack took place on 20 August in Koutougou, in the country's northern Soum province. Militants killed 24 Burkinabe soldiers and injured seven others. A statement from ISIS, quoted by SITE, attributed the attack to the group's West Africa branch.

SOURCE: 19 September 2019, [Yahoo News](#)

(U) Georgia – Police Arrest 11 in Human Trafficking Case

(U) Tbilisi – Police in Georgia have dismantled a child-trafficking ring that exploited girls as young as 8 to produce pornography and arrested 11 people, authorities said yesterday. Georgia said the joint operation with Europol, US, and Australian law enforcement agencies was the biggest of its kind to date in the former Soviet republic. Among those arrested were the parents of some of 10 girls involved, who police said were paid between 500 and 3,000 lari (\$170 to \$1,000) for photographing them. One American and one Australian citizen were also arrested.

SOURCE: 19 September 2019, [Yahoo News](#)

(U) Philippines – Polio Outbreak Declared

(U) Manila – The Philippines yesterday announced an outbreak of polio, 19 years after the World Health Organization declared the Southeast Asian country free of the disease. Health Secretary Francisco Duque said government scientists have confirmed the “re-emergence of polio” after one case in the province of Lanao del Sur and another suspected case of the disease. He blamed “poor immunization coverage,” a lack of sanitation and proper hygiene and poor surveillance by health workers as among the reasons the disease returned. Polio is an infectious disease that can spread rapidly and mainly affects young children. It can cause muscle weakness, paralysis and, on rare occasions, it can be fatal. There is no cure for polio, but it can be prevented with multiple doses of polio vaccines.

SOURCE: 19 September 2019, [The New York Times](#)

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